

House Resolution 1214

By: Representatives Keown of the 173rd, Barnard of the 166th, Lane of the 167th, Maddox of the 172nd, Reece of the 11th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the contributions of Georgia's correctional officers and declaring May 1, 2008,
2 as Correctional Officers Appreciation Day; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, correctional officers provide a vital service to the citizens of this state by
4 contributing to the safety and well-being of our state institutions and by aiding in offender
5 rehabilitation; and

6 WHEREAS, with over 55,000 incarcerated prisoners, Georgia leads the world in the
7 percentage of its population in prison; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia is ranked ninth nationally in population but has the fifth largest prison
9 population; and

10 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Corrections currently employs over 8,000
11 correctional officers statewide in state, county, and private institutions, as well as boot
12 camps, transitional centers, detention centers, pre-release centers, and diversion centers; and

13 WHEREAS, Georgia's state and county prisons are served by dedicated correctional officers
14 who are an essential yet often overlooked branch of criminal justice; and

15 WHEREAS, many correctional officers also serve as members of the nation's military
16 reserves and community relief efforts, such as the tornado disaster and wildfires in South
17 Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, correctional officers maintain a high level of professionalism and ensure the
19 safety of the public by effectively managing offenders, even when there is a risk to personal
20 safety; and

21 WHEREAS, correctional officers face many physical, emotional and spiritual challenges.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body join in recognizing the many sacrifices made by Georgia's
3 correctional officers, their dedication, and their many contributions to the state and that this
4 does hereby declare May 1, 2008, to be Correctional Officers Appreciation Day in the State
5 of Georgia.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the
8 Department of Corrections.